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Identical letters dated 10 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 10 January 2003 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Report on the activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities on 10 January 2003

I. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

1. A group consisting of 16 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.45 a.m. At 9.15 a.m. it arrived at the storage facilities of the State Enterprise for the Marketing of Pharmaceutical and Medical Products in Adil, Baghdad. Immediately upon arrival, the head of the group requested the keys to the storage facilities. The civil defence official on duty informed him that he could not provide all the keys, it being Friday, a holiday throughout Iraq, and only the chief of security and himself being present on the site; only the keys to the cold storage rooms were provided. The group inspected the cold storage rooms, then inspected the other storage facilities from the outside. The group completed its mission at 11 a.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel, arriving at 11.35 a.m.

2. A second group, consisting of 12 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.50 a.m. At 9.15 a.m., it arrived at the storage facilities of the State Enterprise for the Marketing of Pharmaceutical and Medical Products in Dabbash, in Baghdad's Hurriyah district. Immediately upon arrival on the site, the head of the group requested the keys to the storage facilities. The civil defence official on duty informed him that he did not have all the keys at his disposal, it being Friday, a holiday in Iraq, and only the chief of security and himself being present on the site, and that he only had the keys to the main entrance of the two storage facilities. The group opened these facilities and inspected them. It also inspected the other storage facilities from the outside. The group then placed tags on each of three large refrigeration devices that were locked, and tagged each of the three doors to one of the cold storage facilities. The group from the biological inspection team will remove these tags tomorrow, Saturday 11 January 2003, at the beginning of the official working day and its inspection. The group completed its mission at 11.05 a.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel, arriving at 11.30 p.m.

II. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

The team, composed of nine inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m., it arrived at the Rashid State Enterprise of the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC). Upon its arrival on the site, the team divided into two groups:

1. First group

This group inspected the polyester unit, in the knowledge that it had ceased operations in 1998. The group then made surveys and took samples inside the site.

2. Second group

This group inspected the chemical storage facilities, plastics workshop and rubber workshop. The team completed its mission at 12.30 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel, arriving at 1.30 p.m.

Remarks

Today, Friday 10 January 2003, the UNMOVIC inspection teams visited three sites. Thirty-seven inspectors took part in the inspections.